

## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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This is response to the OFFICE ACTION dated 10/20/2008.

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- (1) This letter of response (13 pages)
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- (4) Substitute Specification-final without showing markup (16 pages)
- (5) Copy of two pages from PCT application (2 pages)
- (6) Statement (1page)

## RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

In this response, following abbreviation are used for US and Japanese patents referred in the office action.

- '492 US Patent No. 6,518,492
- '853 US Patent No. 4,321,853
- '794 US Patent No. 4,649,794
- '724 US Patent No. 4,694,724
- '295 US Patent No. 6,016,295
- '982 JP 55087982

Before argument on individual claims, here starts from arguments about Examiner's "**Response to Argument**" in the office action. Because these matters include basic understanding to discuss on individual claims.